GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:600
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SETTING UP OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Reddy Shri Karunakara G.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested some measures including setting up of a Public Health Development Authority with a corpus of Rs. 500 crore and for launching `Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan` to make healthcare accessible to all;

(b) if so, whether any concrete measures have been suggested for better implementation of the health care schemes;

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the Government is likely to implement such schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.600 FOR 16TH MAY, 2007

Yes, Sir. The mid-term appraisal of the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07) for the health sector, carried out by Planning Commission, had recommended setting up of a Public Health Development Authority (PHDA) with a corpus of Rs. 500 crore in the interventions recommended in the Mid Term Appraisal of the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07). It also includes the launching of a `Sarwa Swasthya Abhiyan` in a manner similar to the `Sarwa Shiksha Abhiyan`. It suggests the augmentation of financial resources for health by accessing the World Bank IDA credit for the `Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan`. The PHDA will set standards for quality assurance in health care; develop and disseminate national practice guidelines and consumer information; build capacity in public health and develop the Information Technology Infrastructure for Health. This will boost consumer confidence, curb malpractices, and create an ethical environment for creating more appropriate health care delivery across the country.

The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched throughout the country by the Government to ensure quality health care in rural areas. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has taken care of the suggestion made in mid-term appraisal of the 10th F.Y. Plan for health sector while formulating the NRHM. The Mission period has been fixed from 2005-12.